Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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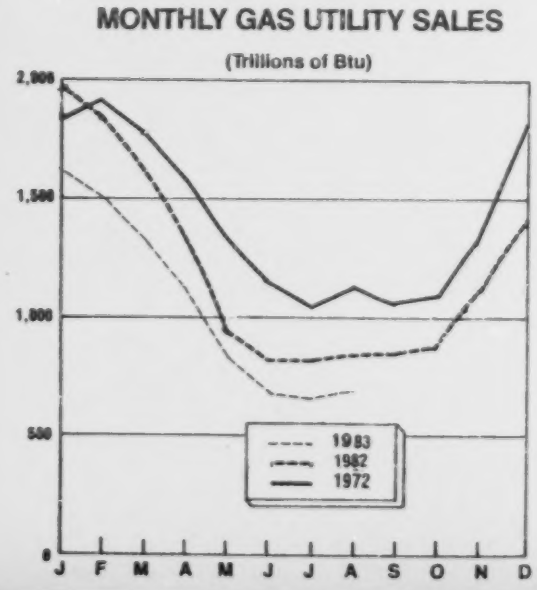
Residential sales, commercial sales, and industrial sales showed a decline in August of 1983 compared to last year. Residential sales decreased 4.0 percent, commercial sales decreased 4.4 percent, and industrial sales decreased 15.1 percent. Total gas utility sales were down 12.0 percent from 834.9 trillion Btu in August 1982 to 734.9 trillion Btu in August 1983.

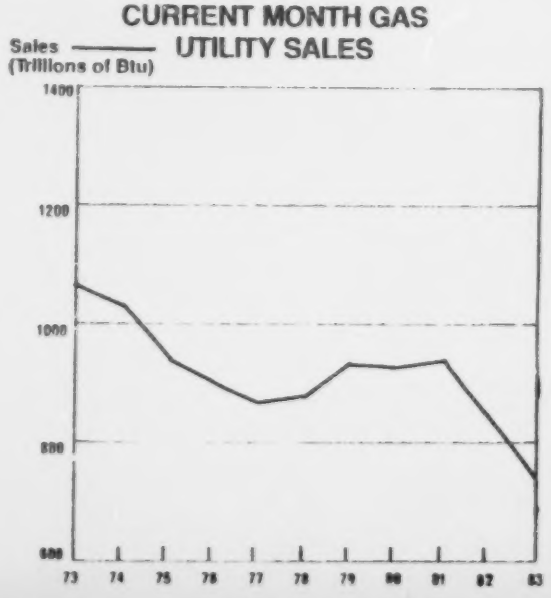
GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	August			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1983	1982	% Change[2]	1983*	(% change from) Last Period	1983 Forecast[1]	1982	% Change
Residential	121.6	126.7	- 4.0	3,115.1	- 10.1	4,483.0	4,770.0	- 6.0
Commercial	93.8	98.1	- 4.4	1,583.5	- 9.4	2,318.2	2,471.3	- 6.2
Industrial	511.6	602.5	- 15.1	3,775.4	- 20.7	5,903.2	6,891.6	-14.3
Other	7.9	7.6	-	96.7	-	154.6	147.6	-
Total	734.9	834.9	- 12.0	8,570.7	- 15.0	12,859.0	14,280.5	-10.0

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

*The year to date sales figures have been adjusted to reflect 1982 Gas Facts.





RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

August

	1983	1982[R]	% Change '82 vs '83
Domestic Range			
Gas	128.5	98.8	+ 30.1
Electric	269.0	170.9	+ 57.4
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	62.1	52.3	+ 18.7
Electric	254.9	191.3	+ 33.2
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	145.9	95.8	+ 52.3
Electric	34.8	16.2	+ 114.8
Oil	13.3	9.0	+ 47.8
Boilers			
Gas	12.6	13.5	- 6.7
Electric	0.1	0.1	- 5.6
Oil	7.6	6.2	+ 22.0

[R]Revised

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

August

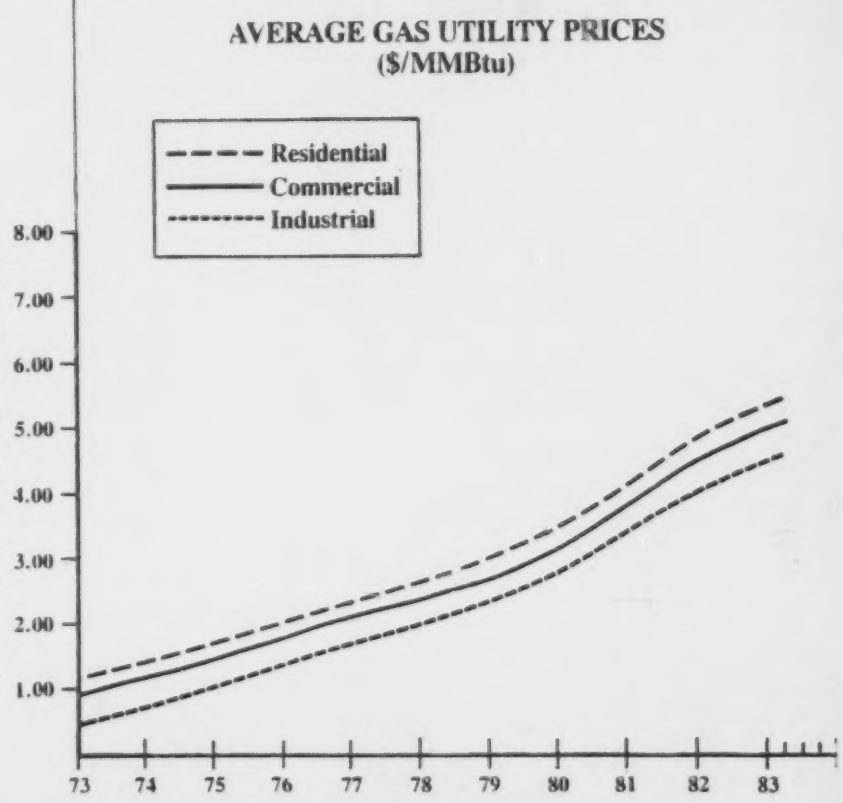
	1983	1982	% Change '82 vs '83
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	190.9	97.2	+ 96.4
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	589.8	500.6	+ 17.8
Electricity	340.7	333.7	+ 2.1
Fuel Oil	626.5	686.8	- 8.8
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	89.4	101.5	- 12.0
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.82	5.98	+ 14.0
Commercial	5.46	4.86	+ 12.3
Industrial	4.29	4.03	+ 6.5
Total	4.86	4.43	+ 9.7

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.31	1.36
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.69	1.74
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.90	1.79
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.23	1.94
1980	3.13	3.51	3.34	2.79	2.64
1981	3.65	4.16	3.91	3.29	3.46
1982	4.44	4.97	4.72	3.97	4.30
1983[P](1st qtr)	5.23	5.64	5.40	4.56	5.02

[P]Preliminary



[1]1983 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1983 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1983 monthly data. The remaining months of 1983 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.